

Current occupational status of former public school mathematics and science teachers: Academic year 2008–09

(Percent distribution)

Current occupational status	Former mathematics teachers	Former science teachers	Former teachers in other subjects
Working for a K–12 school/school district but not as a K–12 classroom teacher	38.3	9.6	26.5
Working in pre-K or postsecondary education	0.3	3.5	2.1
Working outside the field of education, including military service	6.0	9.5	9.1
Student at a college or university	3.0	25.5	4.2
Caring for family members	0.7	8.3	8.1
Retired	31.0	26.6	27.6
Disabled	0.8	0.4	1.1
Unemployed and seeking work	7.2	9.4	5.2
Other	12.9	7.2	16.2

NOTES: Former teachers are those who taught in 2007–08 but left teaching by 2008–09. Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

SOURCES: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, special tabulations (2011) of 2007–08 Schools and Staffing Survey and 2008–09 Teacher Follow-up Survey, National Center for Education Statistics.